

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SCOTSTOWN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	9
Litter Control	40	24	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	166	166

Scotstown, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map. They were very helpful. Your partnership with local bodies and community organisations is showing good effect. As mentioned in last year's report, you are requested to include a simple long term work programme for the village as part of the competition entry. A concise 3/5 year plan outlining achievable targets for the committee, will help focus your work in the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall presentation of both commercial and public premises and Churchyard in the village, was good on the day of adjudication. The G.A.A. Park was particularly well presented and maintained, with a lovely stone wall and attractive landscaping. The R.C. Church was also particularly well presented, but the Community Centre and its forecourt area needs attention as it detracts from the whole area. The development at the School Car Park will enhance this area. The forecourt, wall and area around the petrol pumps needs to be tidied up.

LANDSCAPING

Both the landscape features and trees on the approach roads were well cared for, and attractively presented. Trees throughout village were well chosen and maintained. The Green is a particularly attractive asset to the village, with its stone features, lovely pump, and shrub beds that provide colour and content throughout the year. It is important to properly maintain these attractive areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are many opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats within the village. Green areas, riversides, ponds, hedgerows, trees and meadows all offer opportunities for nature trails, wildflower meadows, and possible nesting sites. Work in conjunction with local experts, and indeed your schools to develop this very important area.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some sporadic litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. Whilst tidying had begun around the stream and bridge area in the middle of the village, there was still some litter in this area. The bin beside the Hunky chip shop was full, and could be prone to birds interfering with it. The area behind the wall, beside these premises also has rubbish behind it. The approach roads were virtually litter free. The committee and community must

remain vigilant, or in your own words, keep up the constant battle in this important area.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of was one of general tidiness, The attractive landscaping and well maintained premises contributed to this impression. There are some posters on poles that need attention. It is also important to keep the forecourts, yards, boundary walls and alleyways tidy and weed free throughout the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many houses throughout the village and on approach roads, were very well presented, with attractive hedges, lawns and flower features. The open area at St. Dympna's tce. looked well, a neat green area, and attractive flower bed with a good mix of plants and colour. The beautiful and colourful flowers in some individual gardens were noted. Well done for the hard work to those responsible.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were generally well presented, the stone Failte signs are a very attractive feature. The cleared wall on the Konckatallon Road also looks well. The derelict building was noted, and also your related comments in the questionnaire. Dereliction is a challenge faced by many Tidy Towns Committees and I hope the committee will explore all the options available. The road surface in the area around the Community Hall still needs attention. The new footpaths will also enhance the whole village streetscape.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Scotstown continues to develop. Continue your good relationship with local bodies. Attention to detail and maintenance remain very important issues for the committee. Stay vigilant with your litter control and keep up the good work.